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Re: U.S. Patent No.: 7,267,847 B2  
Issued: September 11, 2007  
Title: "HYDROPHOBIC COATING OF INDIVIDUAL COMPONENTS OF  
HEARING AID DEVICES"  
Inventors: Erdal Karamuk et al.  
Our Docket No.: TSW-36348

Sir/Madam:

A Certificate of Correction under 35 U.S.C. 254 is hereby requested to correct an error in the above-identified patent. Enclosed herewith is a proposed Certificate of Correction (Form No. PTO-1050) for consideration along with the appropriate documentation supporting the request for correction.

It is requested that the Certificate of Correction be completed and mailed at an early date to the undersigned attorney of record. The proposed correction is an obvious one and does not in any way change the sense of the application.

We understand that a check is not required since the error was on the part of the Patent and Trademark Office in printing the patent.

Respectfully submitted,

  
By Michael W. Garvey, Reg. No. 35878

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Enclosure

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**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

PATENT NO. : 7,267,847

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APPLICATION NO.: 10/749,291

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INVENTOR(S) : Erdal Karamuk et al.

It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

On the cover page:

Item (75), Inventor, please insert the following 2 inventors:

--Stefan Launer, Zurich (CH)--

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## ISSUE NOTIFICATION

The projected patent number and issue date are specified above.

### Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment is 561 day(s). Any patent to issue from the above-identified application will include an indication of the adjustment on the front page.

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

Applicant will be able to obtain more detailed information by accessing the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) WEB site (<http://pair.uspto.gov>).

Any questions regarding the Patent Term Extension or Adjustment determination should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at (571)-272-7702. Questions relating to issue and publication fee payments should be directed to the Customer Service Center of the Office of Patent Publication at (571)-272-4200.

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**DETAILED ACTION**

In view of the papers filed 1 August 2005, it has been found that this nonprovisional application, as filed, through error and without deceptive intent, improperly set forth the inventorship, and accordingly, this application has been corrected in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(a). The inventorship of this application has been changed by adding the names of Stefan Launer and Michael Mathey.

The application will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) for issuance of a corrected filing receipt, and correction of Office records to reflect the inventorship as corrected.

***Election/Restrictions***

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
  - I. Claims 1-8, drawn to a process, classified in class 418, subclass 569.
  - II. Claims 9-12, drawn to a product made, classified in class 220, subclass 4.02.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions in groups I and II are related as process of making and product made. The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make another and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process (MPEP § 806.05(f)). In the instant case the process could be used to make other materially different products that are not electrical device housings.